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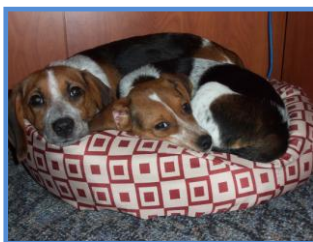


PEN Industries at the Rockville Correctional Facility graduated the first training class from its newest joint venture partnership on Friday, April 10th. The intensive training provided important computer skills, communication skills and product knowledge that will be instrumental in preparation for a

successful reentry.

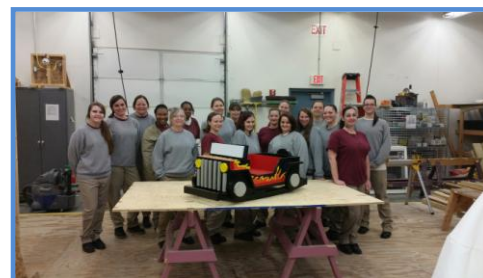
PEN hosted the National Correctional Industries Association training conference, April 12-15, in Indianapolis. **Over 400 attendees from 46 states and the Federal Bureau of Prisons** participated in the training titled Correctional Industries: Reentry-Focused Performance Excellence. The conference culminated with a tour of PEN operations at the Miami Correctional Facility.

Superintendent Dushan Zatecky reports that the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) was recommended for re-accreditation this week by an audit committee representing the American Correctional Association following a three day audit process at the Facility with a compliance score of **100% on mandatory standards and 98.1% on non-mandatory standards**. "I want to thank each and every staff person, who without their efforts prior to or during the re-accreditation process, our facility would not have succeeded in this immense achievement. Our ACA Coordinator, Renee Bodkin must be commended for not deviating from the challenging goal of achieving re-accreditation while tackling other job responsibilities and surpassing all of my expectations," stated Superintendent Zatecky.



Meet Hope and Chance, the two little beagle dogs which make up Branchville Correctional Facility's Caring Canine Program. The program, which began in February, is designed to increase offenders' self-esteem, and it is overseen by Branchville Mental Health Professional Becca Gardner. Hope and Chance stay in the mental health area many hours during the day and they also spend time in recreation. When they are not in those two areas, they are with the offenders in the dorms. "I believe that the dog handlers as well as the offenders living and spending time in the dorms with Hope and Chance experience a positive benefit," said Ms. Gardner. "The dogs' presence increases positive interaction and offenders' well-being and self-esteem. I believe this creates a better quality of life, which makes for an improved environment for staff to work in and for offenders to live in." Hope and Chance are approximately six months old, and they were donated to the facility by a Branchville staff member's brother.

The Rockville Correctional Facility Building Trades participants recently created a child's rocker in the shape of a hot rod jeep, an assignment in which the entire class had to participate in order to receive credit. The students created the project from design to implementation and finishing. The Building Trades class decided to donate the jeep to the RCF Hope Center so that the children who visit with their mothers can enjoy this unique creation. Building Trades instructor, Don Kuk said, "The offenders did a great job and should be proud of their hard work."



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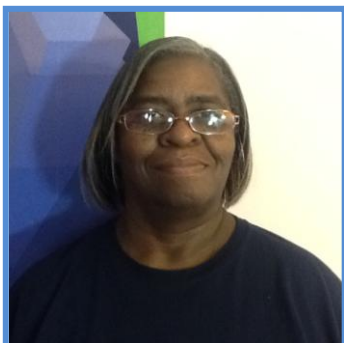


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IDOC EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



"I had a chance to get on as a cook so I took it and three days later I got a call." That's how the story of Terre Haute native Marva Wickware began eleven years ago.

Now a store clerk at Plainfield facility which she readily admits is better for her health, "Marva the Magnificent keeps things running with the precision of a Swiss watch," gushed one coworker. "Yep! That's her, Marva the Magnificent!" chimed a Custody Officer who had just finished a pat down gazed in awe as Marva worked her special magic. *[Editor's Note: Contrary to evidence observed during this interview Ms. Wickware flatly denies this nickname exists].*

"I like keeping track of parts coming in and out of my store." Marva notes somewhat bashfully as she scurries about her office. When asked what she would do if she was called up to be Commissioner, she paused thoughtfully for a moment before responding, "I would compare an employee's job description with what they really do." Her response was met with spontaneous cheers and a chorus of "Ohs and Ahs!", "Good answer!", and "You go girl!" erupted from the crowd that had started to gather around us. I find out later that at the beginning of each shift dozens of understudies called 'Marva's Mavens' gather at work site where they operate in shifts intently studying her while taking notes on each and every move she makes.

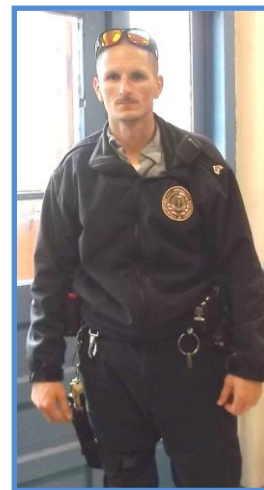
While she expects to be retired in 5 years (that announcement was met with a few several stifled sobs) until then she will continue to do what she is known best for "Helping all the people she possibly can,". Her personal philosophy which, 'Try and get along with everyone you meet' is demonstrated in everything she does. If you're thinking about joining the IDOC here's a little advice from Marva – "Check out the whole field before you take a specific job."

Finally when she's not working 'M the M' likes to attend church, play games on her tablet and take her grandson to fun and interesting places. And what is the fun fact about Ms. Marva? She loves to decorate cakes! What a lucky grandson!

There's bad. There's super bad. Then there's Sgt. JC Jackson. The married father of four reports to duty at Pendleton Reformatory where for the last 13 years he built a reputation for his devastating shakedowns. "We call him 'Volume' 'cause no matter what we hide, he finds a way to turn it up," mumbled a tall lanky offender, with begrudging respect. While money brought him to the IDOC, being a supervisor keeps him here.

As he continued his relentless pursuit of contraband I asked Jonathan what he would do if he was Commissioner, without even looking up he replied "I'd listen to the staff with boots on the ground, because that's what really matters"

"Ah ha!" He announced as he dangled a contraband item he found tucked between two thin pages of a paperback novel. "I quit. It ain't worth my time no more," grumbled another offender his shoulders slumped in defeat. "He ain't human."



"It's a great career opportunity" noted JC as he signed a young visitor's baseball cap. Apparently he's approached constantly with these types of request which he handles in stride. "And in five years I hope to be Lieutenant continuing to keep this facility free of contraband." His pronouncement was met with groans from nearby cells.

"I want to be just like him," said a well known co-worker who secretly admitted to this writer that he has tried for months to figure out the secret to Jackson's success. "He makes it seem so effortless." 'Volume' spends his free time with his kids and motorcycling and believes "What God takes me to, he'll take me through."



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